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Some returned Peace Corps volunteers believe that U.S. foreign policy has been more damaging than helpful in the Third World. They question the links between U.S. foreign and military policy and the Peace Corps. This book addresses such questions and brings together resources and information that will help the prospective volunteer find an appropriate placement: one that is supportive of indigenous, community-based development. The first portion of the book deals with identifying and clarifying the motives for volunteering; examines the types of placement, including organized volunteer programs, work exchange programs, and exposure tours; and presents common questions regarding finance, technical skills, affiliation or commitment requirements of church agencies, and possibilities for paid service. The importance of evaluating an organization before signing up is stressed. Approximately 80 organizations are listed that were selected for a common approach to combating poverty, one that emphasizes support of grassroots efforts to empower poor people. Many programs listed involve living and working in rural areas and on small farms, in the United States as well as abroad, and there are organizations that work with Native American communities as well. An index of organizations and lists of related guidebooks, publications on travel and tourism, resources for finding jobs in development, and other "Food First" publications are included. (TD)

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Foreword

Since 1961, more than 130,000 Americans have worked abroad through the Peace Corps voluntary service program. Thousands more have been volunteers with church, government, and private organizations.

What draws so many to dedicate years of their lives to voluntary service? Media images of famine are only the most vivid reminders of the wide discrepancies between our own standard of living and that of the world's majority. Many people, outraged by the injustice of world hunger and poverty, choose to apply themselves directly to solutions.

But how can we be assured that our actions are truly helping impoverished people? What is an appropriate role for outsiders working to end hunger and poverty abroad?

Every voluntary service organization has its own answers to these questions. While most use similar phrases—helping the poor to help themselves, building local self reliance, or inspiring participatory development—each organization has its own understanding of the causes of poverty and the volunteer's role in addressing those problems.

At the Institute for Food and Development Policy (Food First), we have found that world hunger is complicated by misunderstanding and false assumptions about effective solutions. Our analyses of food and population patterns throughout the world have led us to conclude that hunger is not a problem of scarcity, overpopulation, or natural disasters. Nor is hunger caused by poor people's lack of know-how. Rather, hunger is rooted in a system of food production, distribution, and consumption that concentrates control and benefits in the hands of a few.¹

Once we recognize that hunger is not created by deficiencies on the part of the poor, our role as outsiders changes. Rather than seeing ourselves as problem solvers bringing our knowledge, we see ourselves as participants in a process of change that can be defined locally. We can contribute to this

process in many ways if we understand that solutions must originate from the people who will be most affected.

Alternatives to the Peace Corps brings together resources and information that will help the prospective volunteer find an appropriate placement; one which is supportive of indigenous, community-based development. This guide is Food First's response to frequent requests for guidance on how to work with others to build more equitable societies. Many of these requests have come from people, some of them returned Peace Corps volunteers, who believe that U.S. foreign policy has been more damaging than helpful in the Third World. They question the links between U.S. foreign and military policy and the Peace Corps. *Alternatives to the Peace Corps* is the first guide of its kind to address directly these questions and offer alternative options for voluntary service.

1. See Food First books. *World Hunger: Twelve Myths*, by Frances Moore Lappé and Joseph Collins; *Taking Population Seriously*, by Frances Moore Lappé and Rachel Schurman; and *Kerala: Radical Reform as Development in an Indian State*, by Richard W. Franke and Barbara H. Chasin.

Why Volunteer?

Before making a commitment, it is important to clarify your motives. You may be drawn to voluntary service by a desire to help impoverished people. You may be interested in learning about another culture and society. You may wish to be part of a process of positive social change. Or you may be eager to gain experience which will help you find employment. Each of these motivations will direct you to distinct options for voluntary service.

Humanitarian motivations lead many prospective volunteers to regions plagued by extreme poverty and injustice. While a volunteer may wish to feed the hungry, heal the sick or house the homeless, these social and political problems are often more complex than they might seem. Learning the dynamics of a community is the greatest challenge to a volunteer. Thus, the volunteer's most appropriate role is that of a student. Working abroad can better your understanding of the world and the forces that keep people impoverished, and enhance your appreciation of the richness of other cultures. These lessons can have a long-lasting impact on your life. For many, volunteer experience marks the beginning of a lifelong commitment to ending poverty and hunger. This resource guide to volunteer opportunities provides a listing of groups that work to support development as defined by local people.

Another motivation for voluntary service is the desire to learn more about societies. Living in another culture is an excellent way to build your understanding of the world and the structures which perpetuate poverty. Volunteering is one way to gain a firsthand perspective on community development. There are also educational programs specifically designed for students of culture and development. For example, work brigades, study tours, and international education programs offer short-term exposure. In this resource guide, several reputable tour programs are listed.

If your concern is to improve your qualifications for a career in development, an unconventional work experience may enhance your candidacy. The best programs place volun-

teers with indigenous non-governmental organizations (NGOs) which have requested a volunteer for a specific purpose. In these circumstances, volunteers have a better chance of making a meaningful contribution. These placements, however, often require some skills—computer, teaching, agriculture, appropriate technology, health care, or fundraising. It would be wise to develop a specific technical skill, as well as language skills, which you know may be of use to an organization in another country.

If you feel particularly concerned and motivated to support the development of communities, a first step is to look at the connections between poverty and policy. The causes of poverty are multiple and complex, and are often related to policies of our government which have a profound impact on the poor. For example, U.S. military assistance to the Salvadoran government over the past decade perpetuated economic disparities and human rights abuses that have hindered development for poor communities. Economic policies handed down from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in attempts to "modernize," have pushed poor farmers away from growing basic food crops, forcing them into export production which is both economically risky and environmentally unsound.²

By pressuring for U.S. policies that are more accountable to the poor, we can help create a political climate in which grassroots efforts can flourish both here and abroad. Work in the Third World can deepen our understanding of this responsibility and, therefore, make our work at home more effective.

At Food First, we remind concerned U.S. citizens who want to help impoverished people that they may not need to travel around the globe to fulfill their goals. Often the best place to start is here at home where the challenges of community development are immense. One section of this resource guide is dedicated to U.S. organizations. Voluntary service in low-income communities in the U.S. can also be a valuable educational experience or preparation for future work.

2. See Food First books. *Aid As Obstacle: Twenty Questions about our Foreign Aid and the Hungry* by Frances Moore Lappé, Joseph Collins and David Kinley.

Lessons from the Peace Corps

Deciding to volunteer is a difficult decision. Knowing why you want to is the first step toward choosing among the myriad options of where to go, with what organization, and with what funds.

The most common solution to this dilemma is to choose a volunteer program such as the "Peace Corps of the United States" where all arrangements are made by the sponsoring organization. Many such organizations provide training, health and accident insurance, travel expenses, and even a stipend.

This solution seems simple enough. But these programs are not always as straightforward as they seem. The choice of countries in which an organization works, the projects it supports, and the role of its volunteers have many political, social, and cultural implications. Volunteers are more than well-meaning individuals. They are representatives of the organizations that sponsor them. As such, volunteers are expected to communicate the governmental, religious, or institutional values and objectives of the organization they represent.

For example, the Peace Corps, the most renowned of the voluntary service organizations, is an agency of the U.S. government. The Peace Corps volunteer is part of the national team dispatched by the U.S. State Department, and accountable to the U.S. ambassador in the foreign country. As such, the Peace Corps is inevitably-linked to U.S. foreign policy objectives, as is the Peace Corps volunteer.

The Peace Corps was established in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy as a means to build America's benevolent image at home and overseas. This image, however, was from the outset tainted by the underlying foreign policy manipulations of the program. One explicit goal of the Peace Corps was to counter Soviet cultural and political influence in the Third World. The role of volunteers in this effort is reflected in amendment 8(c) of the Peace Corps legislation which orders that trainees be instructed in the "philosophy, strategy, tactics, and menace of Communism."

The Peace Corps was positioned within the U.S. State Department where "the foreign policy of the United States is best served."³ Despite the humanitarian goals expressed by the Peace Corps' first director, Sergeant Shriver, there was a clear link between U.S. foreign and military policy and the placement of Peace Corps volunteers. The internal contradictions of the Peace Corps became most evident during the war in Vietnam when volunteers began speaking out against U.S. military intervention in the Third World. Volunteers in Guatemala, Panama, the Dominican Republic and South Korea sent a petition expressing their objections. "The President's verbal endorsement of the accomplishments and ideals of the Peace Corps is a hypocritical use of this organization," wrote the volunteers. "The government is using us as apologists for policies that run counter to the reasons for our service."⁴ Other protests in Chile, Ecuador, Tunisia and Ethiopia led to efforts by Congress and the Administration to quiet the volunteers when their beliefs ran contrary to administration policy.^{5,6}

Peace Corps' Changing Goals

The ideological underpinnings of the Peace Corps have evolved to reflect the changing nature and objectives of U.S. foreign policy. In the 1980s the largest number of Peace Corps volunteers were placed in countries like Grenada, Honduras and the Philippines where the U.S. military had a strong presence. The Peace Corps' work in these settings was effective in offsetting the negative image and impact of this strong U.S. military presence. According to one former Peace Corps country director, "In deciding the allocations of volunteers, we were aware of a formula which calculated the ratio of military personnel to civilians in a country. If the military presence skewed the ratio, the number of Peace Corps volunteers would be increased to create a more balanced presence."

With the end of the Cold War, the Peace Corps has evolved to fit the new character of U.S. foreign policy. In the 1990s the U.S. government clearly defined the battle lines in the Third World in economic terms. By influencing the patterns of resource control, legislation, and monetary policy within Third World countries, whether through International Monetary Fund (IMF), imposed structural

adjustment programs, or free trade agreements, the U.S. government has found new ways to keep the Third World "safe for capitalism." In the 1990s U.S. policy is no longer defined primarily by military influence, but rather by its ability to mold societies through economic intervention.

The Peace Corps fits neatly into this new form of intervention in the Third World. Under the leadership of former director Loret Miller Ruppe, the Peace Corps began billing itself less as a symbol of good will and more seriously as a development agency. Through initiatives such as the African Food System Initiative and the Small Enterprise Development Program, Peace Corps volunteers began promoting private enterprise and the development of export production in the rural sector. The development of these programs coincided with the International Monetary Fund's structural adjustment programs which forced Third World governments to cut price supports for production of basic grains. These changes eroded the already poor standing of rural farmers. Countries like Honduras now import basic grains such as corn and beans and small farmers find themselves carrying debt as they move into export production.

In 1992 the Peace Corps began establishing a presence in the Republics of the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. The goal of this program is to support small business development and privatization of the state controlled economies. Volunteers placed include economists, accountants, bankers and specialists in advertising, marketing, business planning, management and privatization. Observers note that the Peace Corps is now "fulfilling a 26-year-old goal of having Americans help transform the communist states into capitalist democracies."⁷ Former Peace Corps director, Elaine Chao, sees this move as putting the Peace Corps on "freedom's new frontier."⁸

From the Volunteer's Perspective

Many Peace Corps volunteers would argue that their placement had little or nothing to do with the larger policy objectives of the U.S. government. One volunteer working in the mountain region of the Philippines had no contact with the Peace Corps office, U.S.AID, or any other Peace Corps volunteer in his two years of service. "I arrived at the community

and worked out my role with them," he explained.

Most volunteers feel that their service had a positive impact independent of the other agencies and policy initiatives of the U.S. government. "I worked with women to develop composting techniques and planting vegetables," said a volunteer working in Honduras. "These are techniques that will benefit them for a lifetime."

While some Peace Corps volunteers have struggled for years to keep their work autonomous from U.S. government policy (volunteers protested director Paul Coverdell's move to rename the organization The United States Peace Corps), the link is inherent. Congress has repeatedly expressed the link. "If there is a person in the Peace Corps who feels he cannot support U.S. foreign policy, then he ought not to be in the Peace Corps," stated Sen. Ross Adair (R-Ind).⁹

Keeping one's views silent may be more difficult in some countries than in others. A volunteer in Honduras, for example, was told it was unacceptable to express opinions which were contrary to U.S. policy in that country. In Tanzania, however, Peace Corps volunteers felt the program was not complicated by larger geo-political interests. Prospective volunteers should look closely at their placement and determine how their views may be inhibited by their affiliation.

Despite all the concerns about the Peace Corps as an arm of U.S. foreign policy, the agency must be credited with enabling thousands of American citizens to see firsthand the realities of poverty and injustice in the Third World. Most Peace Corps volunteers will attest that living and working alongside poor communities was the most powerful experience of their lives, one which has influenced their decisions and actions since. Many returned Peace Corps volunteers have learned through their placement the intimate connections between development and economic justice, militarization and human rights. They return to the U.S. and work to make U.S. foreign and domestic policy more accountable to the poor.

As one returned Peace Corps volunteer explained, "If there is one thing to thank the Peace Corps for, it's for showing me how U.S. policies hurt the average person. In a country like

Paraguay, it is hard to miss the connection between U.S. aid and the oppression of the poor; it's hard to miss the links between the IMF economic package and the inability of the poor to feed themselves. These realizations radically changed my perspectives on the world."¹⁰

3. The Peace Corps Act, Public Law 87-293, Title 1, "Declaration of Purpose," September, 1961.
4. Bent K. Ashabranner, *A Moment in History: The First Ten Years of the Peace Corps* (Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1971), pp. 295-99.
5. For firsthand accounts by Peace Corps volunteers of the conflicts associated with volunteering with a U.S. government agency, see Karen Schwartz, *What You Can Do for Your Country: An Oral History of the Peace Corps* (New York: William Morrow Company, 1991).
6. Also refer to "Pros and Cons of the Peace Corps," a compilation of articles written by journalists and former Peace Corps volunteers. Available through the Overseas Development Network, 333 Valencia Street, Suite 330, San Francisco, CA 94103; (415) 431-4204.
7. Bill McAllister, "Peace Corps Plans to Send 500 to Ex-Soviet States," *The Washington Post*, December 31, 1991, p. A11.
8. Elaine L. Chao, "Today's Peace Corps," address to National Press Club, Washington, D.C., May 5, 1992.
9. As quoted in Schwartz, *ibid*, p. 103.
10. Personal interview with returned Peace Corps volunteer who asked to remain anonymous.

Options for Volunteering

Once you have clarified your personal objectives, it's time to consider what type of placement makes the most sense for you. Listed in the resource guide are a number of established agencies and programs that offer service opportunities in a wide range of countries and settings. You may also consider one of the following alternatives which may be more appropriate for your particular interests.

Designing Your Own Experience

Some of the most exciting possibilities for working abroad can be designed independently according to your interests and beliefs. One option is to identify a group or organization and communicate directly about working as a volunteer. By researching grassroots organizations, you will learn more about the needs of organizations and the skills you may have to offer.

Identifying local grassroots organizations calls for thorough investigative research. You can begin by reviewing alternative publications, development journals, and the annual reports of organizations that fund projects such as Oxfam, Grassroots International, International Development Exchange (IDEX), or the Global Fund for Women. We have listed several publications in the resource guide that catalog grassroots organizations throughout the world. This is only the first step.

You will need to contact organizations to determine whether they would be interested in hosting a volunteer. Clearly state your goals and expectations, skills you offer and length of time you are available. The organization can then decide if you can be of service in their work.

Learning as a Student

Another option is to go overseas as a student. A number of universities offer study abroad programs that provide an opportunity to learn about the political, economic and social climates of a given country. Once you are established in a country, you can seek out individuals and groups directly involved with community development. They may be able to direct you to an appropriate volunteer placement where you can build your skills and experience in community development.

Short-term Opportunities

A long-term commitment may not be necessary. If your goal is to gain a better understanding of the world and to learn from the experiences of others, another option is to choose one or several short-term trips or work exchange programs. There are a number of groups that conduct exposure tours in the Third World. These are socially responsible, educational tours that provide participants firsthand experience of the political, economic and social structures that create or promote hunger, poverty, and environmental degradation. Tours offer an opportunity to meet people with diverse perspectives on agriculture, development and the environment. They often include the opportunity to stay with local people, visit rural areas, and meet with grassroots organizers. Such tours can alter your understanding of hunger and poverty and direct you to areas where you can best work for democratic social change.

In any case, whether you choose an organized volunteer program, a tour, or go on your own, it is essential to do your homework beforehand. Read as much as possible about the country including its political climate; learn about groups working in the area; write in advance to groups that interest you; and talk to people at home who know about the area you are considering.

Common Questions

How can I finance my stay if I don't go through an established program?

For many people, financing is the greatest obstacle. It is often the primary reason for going through a government or church organization. Many Peace Corps volunteers are attracted by the option to defer student loans during the period of their placement. In fact, student loans can be deferred while participating in any volunteer agency.

While some agencies offer a stipend, insurance and travel, many smaller programs are not able to offer these benefits. However, there are alternative funding sources to consider for overseas work. Scholarships, fellowships or loans are also available. You may find funds to pay travel expenses by going through a university or language-study program. Some university departments have research funds that are available to both undergraduate and graduate students. A public library, a career service center, or a specialized library like the Foundation Center—with branches throughout the country—are sources for information on grants and loans.

There are many other untapped resources in local governments, private associations and church groups. The Rotary Club, for example, offers scholarships for foreign travel. Many churches will support their parishioners in return for educational service upon return from an overseas trip.

Friends and relatives are another possible source of funds. You may be able to arrange a personal loan or an exchange. One woman who travelled throughout Central America for a year started her own newsletter and asked friends and family to subscribe to help subsidize her living expenses.

The first source may be your own bank account. Look at the possibility of working to save money for a trip. The primary expense will be your airfare. Living in the Third World, especially in rural areas, can be extremely affordable. If you can arrange an internship or a work exchange (e.g. teaching

English) for room and board, your living expenses can be kept to a minimum.

***D**o I need technical skills?*

Generally, the demand for unskilled volunteers is low. While groups like the Peace Corps offer opportunities for "generalists," organizations with a longer term commitment to development in a given area may require specialized skills not available locally. In considering volunteer opportunities, it's important to ask if you would be taking a job that could be done by a local person. If you are offering a new skill to an area, you should investigate whether the program involves transferring that skill to local people.

In any work experience local people can best define your role. Let them know what your skills are and allow them to decide how they can best put those skills to use. Someone who went to work with a community organization in Mexico learned that his most useful skill was puppet-making. He didn't know before he arrived that street theater is a popular form of political communication. When a local clinic learned that he was an artist and an actor, they suggested he help them communicate health care information through puppet shows. There are many organizations that take volunteers for specific technical skills, such as construction, health care and agriculture.

***D**o I have to be Christian to be a volunteer with one of the church agencies?*

Most major national and international religious organizations have a development agency or aid program; some have volunteer programs. It is important to establish whether an agency sees its primary purpose as social or evangelical. Some may ask that volunteers participate in a structured religious community. Others may ask that volunteers participate in some evangelical work. Consult an organization's brochures and materials to determine its expectations.

Listed in the resource guide are some volunteer programs with religious affiliations. We have selected programs which hold as their primary purpose the support of local efforts at community development. Some do require a commitment to a certain faith, but most ask only that the volunteer share a concern for social justice. As with any volunteer placement, it is important to understand the values behind an agency's volunteer program clearly.

What are the possibilities for getting paid work overseas?

Most overseas development positions require two or more years of community development experience. However, a two-year volunteer post does not guarantee future employment and is not the only way to gain sufficient experience. A woman who worked as a freelance journalist in Central America now works with the World Wildlife program in the region. A director of alternative tours became a grants manager at a U.S.-based agency. You may find that by developing your skills and connections with Third World communities, your job possibilities open up. In the reference section, you will find organizations and publications which list employment openings overseas.

Evaluating an Organization

No matter which voluntary service organization you are considering, get answers to questions such as these before you make a commitment:

- What is the political or religious affiliation of the organization? Is the purpose of the organization to convert or influence poor people to adopt new cultural, economic or social values?
- Who funds the organization? Do the funding sources have political or religious affiliations that may influence the organization's programs?
- Is the organization working with local or national governments? Overtly or covertly? Under the auspices of another institution?
- In which countries does the organization have programs? In which countries does it NOT have programs, and why?

These questions are hard to answer with the information supplied in brochures or publicity materials. Look beyond the brochures. Get a list of program alumni and ask them about their experiences, write to people in the field, find out who is critical of the program and why. The reference section (page 68) lists several books that take a critical look at development organizations overseas.

Bringing the Lessons Home

Living abroad and working with poor communities to confront the causes of hunger and poverty can have a long-lasting impact on your life. It can also deepen your understanding of the tremendous power the U.S. has over the lives of people around the world: power to make and break governments; to affect the world economy through trade, investment, and foreign aid policies; and to influence economic priorities through international aid programs such as U.S. AID, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

Going abroad is educational, but that is only the beginning. Third World service means taking the responsibility of bringing your experiences home. The lessons learned abroad may have direct applications: working to end hunger and poverty in our own country, pressuring the U.S. government to end its involvement with repressive regimes, stopping the militarization of the Third World, and holding U.S. corporations accountable for their actions abroad.

There are many ways in which a Third World experience can be translated into work at home. A Peace Corps volunteer who served with Guatemalan Indians returned to the U.S. and worked with Native Americans in Arizona. A health care volunteer with an international organization in Ghana found work at a free clinic in California. An agricultural extension worker who volunteered in Mozambique became active in the movement to stop U.S. support of South Africa's apartheid regime. These examples and others show that experience in a Third World community is often the catalyst for taking action in our own country to create more democratic organizations and policies at the local, national, and international levels, and to help ensure the survival of grassroots efforts all over the world.

How This List Was Selected

In compiling the following list of organizations we looked for groups that are addressing the political and economic causes of poverty. In our view, these programs place volunteers in positions that complement the work of local people, grass-roots organizations, and non-governmental organizations (NGO). Many on the list are not traditional voluntary service organizations. They may have programs that send volunteers abroad, but their main purpose is educational work in the U.S. Through service and work projects, their aim is to build lasting links between communities at home and abroad.

These listings are by no means comprehensive. Many organizations are so small and take so few volunteers that they preferred not to be listed. Hundreds of other possibilities are not mentioned because they are not formal volunteer programs. Every community, school, church, and labor union has the potential for developing international programs that send delegates abroad, initiate ongoing partnership programs, and offer direct assistance to Third World communities. These opportunities are often the most exciting, but must be created by the volunteer.

The resource guide provides a starting point to explore the options for volunteering. Through your own research of these organizations and others, you can choose the appropriate options available to you.

Alternatives to the Peace Corps is an ongoing project of Food First. This guide will be updated again in the future. We rely on the comments and recommendations of our readers to improve each new edition. We welcome your suggestions for changes or additions.

Note: Most of the organizations listed in the resource guide function on very small budgets. If you are writing to request information, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

International Voluntary Service Organizations

The following organizations offer opportunities to work with impoverished people in the Third World. These voluntary service organizations were selected for a common approach to combating poverty; one which emphasizes support of grass-roots efforts to empower poor people.

ADE: The Alternative Development Exchange

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ADE connects international volunteers who possess appropriate language and technical skills, and cultural sensitivity, with community-based projects. All projects focus on locally available renewable resources and appropriate technologies that can be built and repaired in the community. Volunteers include, but are not limited to, civil engineers and machinists who work on alternative energy projects, agroforestry and gardening experts, restoration ecologists, computer experts, and sanitary engineers to design filtration water-purification schemes.

American Friends Service Committee

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American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) sponsors summer programs in Cuba and Mexico for participants ages 18 to 26. The Cuba program consists of a three-week summer work project on small farms near Havana. Participants help with crop care and maintenance and attend a youth conference during the last week of the program. The cost is \$300.

The Mexico program runs from late-June to mid-August. Participants live and work in rural villages and respond to the needs of the particular community in which they live. Applicants should have skills in construction, gardening, arts, crafts, child care, or other practical areas. Participants pay a \$750 fee and cover their own travel expenses. Proficiency in Spanish is necessary for both programs. A limited number of scholarships are available.

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Tel: (800) 231-7796

In this program young volunteers, 16 years or older, work in teams in Latin America. They provide health services at schools, health clinics, and in communities. In addition to bringing technical knowledge and supplies to the project, the volunteers assume leadership roles as health educators. A network of Amigos chapters and training groups across the U.S. conducts training prior to departure and raises funds for the majority of volunteers. Costs for the six- to eight-week programs range from \$2,300 to \$3,000 depending on the area of placement. This covers all expenses including housing with a family. At least one year of Spanish is a prerequisite. There are currently programs in Mexico, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Paraguay, Brazil, and Honduras.

Bikes Not Bombs

64 South Street
Jamacia Plains, MA 02138
Tel: (617) 277-2017

Bikes Not Bombs (BNB) is a nonprofit, grassroots group that promotes environmentally sustainable and economically just transportation systems through recycling of bicycles in Central America and the U.S. These projects have involved collecting over 10,000 donated bicycles and tons of parts from across the U.S., recycling them to Nicaragua, El Salvador, and recently to U.S. inner city youth programs. BNB provides technical assistance, training, tools, and financing for these projects and funds a bicycle-purchaser-revolving-loan-fund for campesinos in Nicaragua. Experienced bi-lingual mechanics and personnel are placed to carry out field work and volunteer in the U.S. office.

Brethren Volunteer Services

1451 Dundee Avenue
Elgin, IL 60120
Tel: (800) 323-8039 Fax: (708) 742-6103
Telex: 6502141000 via WUI

This Christian service program advocates justice, serves basic human and environmental needs, and supports peace-making. Brethren Volunteer Services (BVS) places volunteers with locally sponsored church projects in Latin America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, and Europe. Positions abroad last two years and begin with a three-week orientation in the U.S. BVS also has one-year programs in the U.S. and China. In these programs volunteers are involved in a variety of community services including education, health care, office/secratarial work, and construction work. Volunteers can also participate in ministry to children, youth, senior citizens, homeless, victims of domestic violence, prisoners, refugees, persons with AIDS, and others. Some positions require knowledge of a foreign language prior to orientation. Other requirements for special skills vary with assignment. Volunteers need not be Brethren or Christian, but must have

an interest in examining the Christian faith. A college degree or equivalent life experience is required for overseas assignments. Travel expenses, room and board, medical coverage, and a monthly stipend of approximately \$45 are provided.

Committee for Health Rights in Central America
(See listing under U.S. Voluntary Service Organizations.)

CONCERN/America

2024 North Broadway, #104

P.O. Box 1790

Santa Ana, CA 92702

Tel: (714) 953-8575 Fax: (714) 953-1242

CONCERN/America is an international development and refugee aid organization. CONCERN/America's main objective is to provide training, technical assistance, and material support to community-based programs in Third World countries and refugee camps. CONCERN/America volunteers serve for at least one year, and are professionals, such as physicians, nurses, nutritionists, community organizers, public health and sanitation specialists.

The focus of the work is on training local people to carry on programs that include health care training, developing nutrition and sanitation projects, organizing community development and income-generating projects, and conducting literacy campaigns. CONCERN/America volunteers currently serve in El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Mexico, Mozambique, and Sierra Leone. Volunteers must be at least 21 and fluent in Spanish. CONCERN/America provides transportation, room and board, health insurance, and a small stipend. In addition, a repatriation allowance of \$50 per month of service is provided to the volunteer upon completion of contract.

Cristianos por la Paz en El Salvador (CRISPAZ)

Christian Volunteer Ministries

1135 Mission Road

San Antonio, TX 78210

Tel: (210) 534-6996 Fax: (210) 534-4995

Volunteers work for a minimum of one year with responsibilities in one or more community programs. Placements include, but are not limited to, teaching, agriculture, health care, and pastoral ministries. Volunteers must have a sponsoring community that provides a monthly stipend and all other material needs, as well as general assistance and emotional support. Volunteers must speak Spanish and have skills relevant to the assignment.

Fourth World Movement

7600 Willow Hill Drive

Landover, MD 20785-4658

Tel: (301) 336-9489

Fourth World Movement's work is based on three priorities: learning from the most disadvantaged families, understanding how they become trapped in persistent poverty, and planning and developing projects with them to end poverty. The movement works on behalf of very poor people to raise public awareness on the national and international levels.

There are several forms of internships for those interested in joining the Movement for a minimum of two years. Interns learn about the Movement and its approach to persistent poverty through manual and office work, videos, readings, and discussion. At the end of the period, if interns decide to stay with the Movement, placement is made according to both the intern's interests and the Movement's needs. There are currently teams in 24 countries. The minimum age for applicants is 19.

The Movement also holds international workcamps in France during the summer months. Through manual work and discussion, these two-week workcamps offer an opportunity to talk with experienced volunteers, learn more about extreme poverty, and meet others with similar concerns.

Frontiers Foundation Inc./Operation Beaver

2615 Danforth Avenue, Suite 203

Toronto, Ontario CANADA M4C 1L6

Tel: (416) 690-3930 Fax: (416) 690-3934

Frontiers Foundation is a community development service organization that works in partnership with communities in low-income, rural areas across northern Canada. These locally initiated projects build and improve housing, conduct training programs, and organize recreational activities in developing regions. Volunteers must be 18 or older and available for a minimum of 12 weeks. Skills in carpentry, electrical work, and plumbing are preferred for construction projects, while previous social service and experience with children are preferred for recreation projects. Projects run year round, but new volunteers begin in April and November.

Accommodation, food, and travel expenses inside Canada are provided. Placements of up to 18 months are possible provided the volunteer's work is satisfactory after the initial 12-week period.

Frontier Internship in Mission

International Coordinating Office

Ecumenical Centre, P.O. Box 2100

150 Route de Ferney

1211 Geneva 2, SWITZERLAND

Tel: (41 22) 798-8987/8989

Fax: (41 22) 798-2370

Telex: 23 423 OIK CH

Frontier Internship in Mission (FIM) is an international ecumenical program that provides people between 20 and 35 years of age with the opportunity to work abroad on social and theological issues for two years.

Interns throughout the world are sent from an organization in their own region to work with one based in another region of the world. A relationship between the two organizations develops through the intern who works on one of the three frontier issue areas: struggles for racial justice; the new

political economy; and cultures in crisis.

This study is followed by a year of reintegration work when the intern returns home. Travel costs and a subsistence allowance are paid by the Coordinating Office.

Future Farmers of America

Student Services - International

P.O. Box 15160

Alexandria, VA 22309

Tel: (703) 360-3600 Fax: (703) 360-5524

Future Farmers of America (formerly the National Future Farmers of America Organization) offers the Work Experience Abroad (WEA) which provides hands-on agricultural experience in a cross-cultural environment. Participants, usually age 18 to 24, observe and study agriculture in their host country in exchange for the assistance they provide at their host placements. Previous experience in agriculture is helpful and a strong interest in learning about agriculture is essential, since host placements are with agricultural families. Placements are available in Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Costa Rica, and Japan for three months, six months, or one year. Program fees range from \$1500 to \$3500 depending on the country and length of stay. Fees include international airfare, a two-day orientation, and health and accident insurance. Host families provide room and board and, in some cases, a stipend.

Habitat for Humanity International

121 Habitat Street

Americus, GA 31709

Tel: (912) 924-6935 Fax: (912) 924-6541

Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) is a housing ministry helping people in need improve their living conditions worldwide. Habitat places volunteers for three-year periods in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands. Volunteers work with the local community on the organiza-

tion, construction, and management of HFHI housing projects. Volunteers must be 21 years or older. They receive housing, health insurance, payment of travel expenses, and a monthly stipend.

Construction and office-related work is also available in over 800 affiliates in the U.S. and in the International Headquarters in Americus, Georgia. Volunteers at the headquarters must be 18 years or older. They receive training, free housing and a \$40 weekly stipend (stipend may vary depending on the affiliate).

Heifer Project International

P.O. Box 808

Little Rock, AR 72203

Tel: (800) 422-0474

Heifer Project International (HPI) is a worldwide self-help organization that provides poultry and livestock, as well as training and related agricultural service, to farmers in developing areas in both the U.S. and the Third World. The program offers volunteer opportunities at its International Learning and Livestock Center and at its national office in Arkansas. HPI also conducts eight to ten day workcamp tours in Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, and Mexico. Groups help build facilities for HPI projects and learn about development issues through rural village life. Volunteers pay their own expenses, which usually range from \$500 to \$1,000.

Institute for International Cooperation and Development

P.O. Box 103

Williamstown, MA 01267

Tel: (413) 458-9828 Fax: (413) 458-3323

Institute for International Cooperation and Development (IICD) organizes travel, study, and solidarity courses in Africa and Latin America. Volunteers can work in Angola,

Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Nicaragua and Brazil. Most programs are six to twelve months long, including preparation and follow-up periods in the U.S. Preparation entails language and practical training, regional studies and fundraising. The follow-up period includes giving presentations and creating educational materials about the region visited. Costs vary depending on the program. Fundraising ideas as well as some financial aid are available. The program is open to anyone 18 and older.

International Christian Youth Exchange

134 West 26th Street, Suite 403

New York, NY 10001

Tel: (212) 206-7307 Fax: (212) 633-9085

ICYE USA offers year long, six month and short term summer programs in 25 countries, on all continents in the northern and southern hemispheres to ages 16-26. The goals and objectives of the ICYE programs are to promote peace and justice through hands-on community service projects, internships, and direct exposure to other cultures and peoples. Attending secondary school is possible for participants ages 16-19. Other participants work in voluntary service agencies on environment, education, mobility, development, youth, peace advocacy, human welfare service or child/elderly care projects. Participation fees range between \$3,950 for the sixth-month programs to \$4,950 for the year-long programs and cover international transportation, placement, room and board, insurance and conferences.

International Voluntary Services, Inc.

1424 16th Street, NW, Suite 603

Washington, D.C. 20036

Tel: (202) 387-5533 Fax: (202) 387-4234

International Voluntary Services, Inc. (IVS) volunteers provide technical assistance to local organizations in Asia, Southern Africa, and South America in the fields of agriculture, public health, small enterprise development, and orga-

izational management. Volunteers come from the U.S., Europe, Canada, and Third World countries. Prerequisites include a college degree in a technical field, and two to three years work experience in a Third World country. Assignments in Latin America require Spanish. In Asia, English is required, as is an interest in learning local languages. Minimum commitment is two years. Travel expenses, health insurance, and a stipend are provided.

Interns for Peace

165 E. 56th Street, 2nd Floor

New York, NY 10022

Tel: (212) 319-4545 Fax: (212) 319-4549

or

Rehove Geula 35

Tel Aviv 63304

Tel: (972 3) 517-6525 Fax: (972 3) 517-7995

Interns for Peace (IFP) is an independent, non-political, community-sponsored program dedicated to building trust and respect among the Jewish and Arab citizens of Israel. Guided by field staff, interns carry out the program while receiving work experience in human relations, conflict resolution and group facilitation. Interns take on projects in education, sports, health, the arts, community and workplace relations, and adult interest groups. Basic requirements include a knowledge of and commitment to furthering Jewish-Arab relations; a B.A., B.S. or an equivalent degree; proficiency in Hebrew or Arabic; a previous stay in Israel of at least six months; previous experience in community or human relations work, background in sports, business, teaching, health care, youth work, art, music, or community organizing. Interns are provided with housing; a monthly stipend for food, transportation and other daily living expenses; and health insurance. Interns are Jews or Arabs from Israel and abroad. Internships require a two-year commitment.

Interplast

2458 Embarcadero Way
Palo Alto, CA 94303
Tel: (415) 424-0123

Interplast sends medical volunteers to perform reconstructive surgery to Ecuador, China, Peru, Honduras, Mexico, Vietnam, Thailand, Cyprus, Western Samoa, the Philippines, Jamaica, Chile, and Nepal. Positions include plastic surgeons, anesthesiologists, operating-room nurses, pediatricians, and recovery nurses. Placements are for two weeks. Spanish is desirable for Central and South American assignments, but not required. Physicians are encouraged to pay their own travel expenses. Room and board are provided.

**Language for Eastern European Development
(LEED) Foundation**

41 Sutter Street, Suite 510
San Francisco, CA 94104
Tel: (415) 982-5333 Fax: (415) 982-3726

The Language for Eastern European Development (LEED) Foundation was established in 1991 to meet the growing demand for technical English training throughout Eastern Europe. The LEED Foundation currently operates two programs in Hungary and Estonia. The English for Special Purposes Project assists technical secondary schools and universities in developing and implementing technical English instruction. The Municipal Government Training Project targets technical and language assistance to mayoral offices and municipal agencies.

To implement its projects, the LEED Foundation selects and trains Americans with academic and professional experience in business, English, environmental protection, engineering, law, public administration, and urban planning. Project Team Members are posted at a host institution and conduct seminars, develop handbooks, and teach the subject and language of their field. From June through July, LEED offers training in English teaching and the language of the host country. Host institutions provide salaries in local currency and accommodations for the one-year contract period. Loan deferments are available.

MADRE

121 West 27th Street, Room 301

New York, NY 10001

Tel: (212) 627-0444 Fax: (212) 675-3704

MADRE's Health and Education Skills Exchange Program places women professionals trained in midwifery, obstetrics, social work, and stress counseling in Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Guatemala. Volunteers provide service and conduct training.

MADRE is currently expanding its program to the Middle East. They have a kindergarten in the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza where they place volunteers with experience working with young children. Placements range from one to two weeks. Volunteers pay all expenses.

Marin Interfaith Task Force on Central America

20 Sunnyside Avenue, Suite A-303

Mill Valley, CA 94941

Tel: (415) 388-4820

Volunteers are sent to El Salvador to work with repopulated and marginalized communities, providing expertise in specific areas of need (agriculture/agronomy; medicine/public health; accounting; solar energy applications). Volunteers must be competent in Spanish and knowledgeable of Salvadoran issues. Although the minimum assignment is for three months, the Marin Interfaith Task Force is also recruiting for shorter-term accompaniment and poll-monitoring work in the spring of 1994. In Guatemala, volunteers with extensive Central American experience are recruited for accompaniment work in rural communities.

Maryknoll Lay Missioners

P.O. Box 307

Bethany Building

Maryknoll, NY 10545

Tel: (914) 762-6364

Maryknoll Lay Missioners serve for three years in Asia, Africa, or Latin America. Opportunities include community organizing, health education, teaching, adult education, human rights, and pastoral team ministry. All new Lay Missioners attend a four-month orientation at Maryknoll, New York prior to their overseas assignment. Language training is available in the country of assignment. Applicants must have a college degree or skill, plus at least one year of experience after completion of formal education. Applicants must also be Roman Catholic. Travel expenses, room, board, health insurance, and stipend are paid by Maryknoll.

Mennonite Central Committee

P.O. Box 500

21 South 12th Street

Akron, PA 17501-0500

Tel: (717) 859-1151 Fax: (717) 859-2171

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is the development and relief agency of the Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches. Currently, approximately 1,000 volunteers serve in agriculture, health, education, social services, and community development fields in more than 50 countries, including the U.S. and Canada. Assignments depend on qualifications. Transportation, living expenses, and a small stipend are provided. MCC asks that volunteers be Christian, actively involved in a church congregation, and in agreement with its nonviolent principles. Placements are for three years overseas, two years in North America.

Mission Volunteers/Overseas

Mission Volunteers/U.S.A

Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

100 Witherspoon Street, Room 3420

Louisville, KY 40202-1396

Tel: (502) 569-5300

Mission Volunteers helps church-supported organizations and projects find full-time volunteers both within the U.S. and overseas. International assignments usually involve teaching and health care in Latin America, Africa, and Asia. Volunteers must be church affiliated. Length of service can be from three months to two years. Room and board are provided.

National Central America Health Rights Network

11 Maiden Lane, Suite 10D

New York, NY 10038

Tel: (212) 732-4790 Fax: (212) 732-5098

National Central America Health Rights Network (NCAHRN) is a nonprofit organization of affiliated groups and individuals dedicated to health and human rights in Central America since 1983. NCAHRN's work includes coordinating health personnel training exchange programs; organizing annual health colloquia with the national universities in Nicaragua and El Salvador; researching and reporting on health issues and policy developments concerning Central America and the Caribbean; and providing medical aid, technical assistance and cash contributions to Central American health organizations for primary care projects.

NCAHRN facilitates the placement of health professionals (physicians, nurses, certified nurse midwives, public health professionals, etc.) for training programs with the University of El Salvador and the National Autonomous University of Nicaragua, as well as with community health organizations in El Salvador and Nicaragua. All volunteers must speak fluent Spanish. The emphasis is "training the trainers" instead of direct provision of services. Program lengths vary, but the typical program lasts between six months and two years. Most volunteers are self-funded. NCAHRN has two quarterly publications: *Links: Health and Development Report* and *Salud y Paz*.

Nicaragua Center for Community Action (NICCA)

2140 Shattuck Avenue, Box 2063

Berkeley, CA 94704

Tel: (510) 832-4959

Nicaragua Center for Community Action (NICCA) sends work brigades of 10 to 20 people to Nicaragua for construction, reforestation and planting. The group works side-by-side with Nicaraguans, rebuilding their economy and continuing support for their revolution. Brigadistas live with a family on their cooperative and share firsthand the Nicaraguans' struggles in the face of the resistance from the Chamorro government. The cost is \$1,000 which includes all expenses and air fare from San Francisco.

The Partnership Service-Learning

815 Second Avenue, Suite 315

New York, NY 10017

Tel: (212) 986-0989

The Partnership's programs combine formal learning with extensive community service to those in need. The programs are available in: Appalachia, Ecuador, England, France, India, Israel, Jamaica, Mexico, the Philippines, Scotland and South Dakota (with Lakota/Dakota Sioux). A variety of community service projects exists in each location, but include: children, teaching, handicapped, literacy, community development, recreation and women's issues. Program periods are summer, fall/spring, two-terms or January intersession. Costs vary, but begin at \$6,500 for a two-term program to the Philippines. Most applicants are undergraduates, but graduate students and people not affiliated with universities may apply. Academic credit for both undergraduate and graduate programs is available. The Partnership Service-Learning objective is to move beyond pre-conceptions to encounter the realities of another culture.

Peace Brigades International

Box 381233

Cambridge, MA 02238

Tel: (617) 491-4226

Peace Brigades International's (PBI) Central America Project sends nonviolent/nonpartisan teams to Guatemala to monitor human rights violations. International volunteers accompany threatened individuals, give workshops in peace education (mediation, human rights, conflict resolution, etc), and upon their return, conduct public education programs through speaking tours. Volunteers should be 25 years or older, fluent in Spanish, and able to make a commitment to work a minimum of seven months. Volunteers must also undergo training in nonviolence before being accepted. Volunteers pay transportation and health insurance; other costs are paid by PBI.

PBI's Sri Lanka project is similar to the Central America Project in its goals. Volunteers must be at least 25 years old and able to make a commitment of four months. English is the only language requirement. PBI training must also be undertaken before being accepted to work in Sri Lanka.

(See listing under U.S. Voluntary Service Organizations.)

Peacework

305 Washington Street, SW

Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tel: (703) 552-2473 Fax: (703) 552-0119

Peacework sponsors volunteer work projects in developing regions of the world. Project sites change each year and are currently offered in Latin America and Russia. An in-country orientation includes discussions on the political, economic and social situation of the host country. Participants then spend two to three weeks at the work site building houses, clinics or schools along with local volunteers. U.S. participants are typically college students or recent graduates, 18 or older. The cost is \$500 to \$900 plus airfare. Some financial aid is available.

Plenty USA

P.O. Box 2306

Davis, CA 95617

Tel/Fax: (916) 753-0731

Founded in 1974, Plenty works around the world helping disadvantaged communities achieve local self-sufficiency in food production, primary health care, energy, communications, small business enterprises, and other appropriate village-scale technologies. Special focus is on indigenous peoples and the environment. Volunteers pay their own travel and living expenses. No special requirements or language skills are necessary for short-term positions.

Science for Nicaragua

3217 College Avenue

Berkeley, CA 94705

Tel: (510) 653-8247

Science for Nicaragua sends educators and scientists to teach and supervise research in a Nicaraguan university or water resource agency. Applicants must have at least a bachelors degree in science or equivalent training and experience. The programs are one year in duration. Spanish fluency is required. A \$100 per month stipend is available on a limited basis; all other expenses are paid by the volunteer.

**Service Civil International/
International Voluntary Service**

Walnut Level Road

Crozet, VA 22932

Tel: (804) 823-1826

Service Civil International (SCI/IVS) organizes short-term workcamps in over 30 countries. The camps are meant to promote cross-cultural understanding and international peace. The international group of volunteers lives and works together in simple settings and works on projects for the envi-

ronment, health care, children, and housing.

Volunteers must be 16 or older for U.S. camps and 18 or older for European camps. For volunteers over 21 with SCI experience, there are a few positions each year in Asia or Africa. Volunteers pay their own transportation and an application fee (U.S. camps \$40 - most European camps \$80). Volunteers receive room, board and supplemental insurance. Persons with disabilities are welcome to apply. SCI/IVS is the U.S. branch of Service Civil International.

The Training Exchange

c/o David Egilman, MD, MPH
90 West Street
Foxboro, MA 02035
Tel: (508) 543-3848

Every year The Training Exchange sends 10 to 20 medical and other health professionals, including nurses, health assistants, and physical therapists, from the U.S. to medical schools in Leon and Managua, Nicaragua. These volunteers spend two to 12 months working with faculty to develop effective curricula in primary-care related areas. Room, board, and transportation are provided for program participants.

United Nations Volunteers

Palais des Nations
CH-1211 Geneva 10
SWITZERLAND
Tel: (41 22) 788-2455 Fax: (41 22) 788-2501

United Nations Volunteers (UNV) assigns qualified and experienced women and men to developing countries in four areas: technical cooperation for development; facilitation of community-based development initiatives; humanitarian relief; and democratization. Nearly 2,500 UNVs, average age 39, drawn from 116 nationalities, are currently serving in 120 countries in projects executed by governments, UN agencies or by UNV itself. Development assignments are normally for

two years, but can be less in the humanitarian and democratization areas. U.S. candidates should apply via the Peace Corps, specifying UNV. Essential requirements include graduate/postgraduate degrees or equivalent technical qualifications and several years' working experience. Women and retirees are particularly welcome. A monthly living allowance, housing, health insurance, return air fare, and a modest resettlement allowance are provided.

Visions in Action

3637 Fulton Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20007
Tel: (202) 625-7403

Visions in Action arranges for interns to work in an urban African setting with development and nonprofit organizations. Placements are made for one year in Kenya, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Burkina Faso, and the Caribbean, and for six months in South Africa. The main project areas include project management, health care, development journalism, youth-group organizing, research and writing, low-income housing, and community development. All participants take part in a one-month orientation that includes intensive language training, cross-cultural awareness, and field trips to development projects. An additional purpose of the internship is to educate people in the U.S. about Third World countries through interns' published articles and slide show or videotape presentations given to schools and groups upon return to the U.S. Visions in Action assists interns in publishing these articles and creating a presentation. Most interns live in group houses with other interns. Interns pay for their own expenses which average between \$5,000 and \$6000.

Voices on the Border/The VIDA Fund

P.O. Box 53081, Temple Heights Station

Washington, D.C. 20009

Tel: (202) 529-2912 Fax: (202) 529-0897

Voices on the Border works to support communities-in-development in El Salvador. Focusing primarily in the eastern region, they provide technical assistance, material aid and moral support to communities exploring alternative models of development and to the grassroots organizations that strengthen these alternatives. Spanish-speaking volunteers are needed to work with these communities and organizations. Skills in demand include architecture, planning, engineering, knowledge of medicine, agriculture, sanitation, water systems, animal husbandry, administration, finance, construction, education, ecology and appropriate technology. Volunteers are responsible for their own funding; minimum commitment is flexible depending on skills and need.

(See listing under Alternative Travel and Study Overseas.)

Voluntarios Solidarios

Task Force on Latin America and the Caribbean

515 Broadway

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Tel: (408) 423-1626 Fax: (408) 423-8716

Voluntarios Solidarios places volunteers with Latin American and Caribbean groups engaged in nonviolence education, human rights documentation, and advocacy efforts with the regions' poor majority. Each volunteer's work is shaped by the needs of the host organization. Common needs include: translation of publications; support for peace actions; technical assistance in skills ranging from carpentry to computer operation to recycling; assistance with human welfare service and children/elderly care projects; and conflict resolution. Volunteers must be self-funded, at least 21 years old, and functional in Spanish or Portuguese. Length of placements range from three months to two years.

Volunteers in Asia

P.O. Box 4543

Stanford, CA 94309

Tel: (415) 723-3228

At the request of Asian institutions, Volunteers in Asia (VIA) places undergraduates and recent graduates in teaching and English resource positions in China, Indonesia, Taiwan and Vietnam. Applicants must attend a five month, part-time preparation and training program at the University California at Santa Cruz and Stanford University prior to overseas placement. Volunteers pay a moderate participant's fee which varies according to the post and time commitment. The program covers insurance, training costs, and round-trip transportation. The host institution provides an in-country stipend for basic living expenses.

Volunteers in Mission

4503 Broadway

San Antonio, TX 78209

Tel: (210) 828-2224

VIM seeks a new economic, social and political order that promotes justice and solidarity. Volunteers work with homeless women and children, serve in refugee shelters, teach in U.S./Mexico border schools and in the Sierra Tarahumara, and provide preventive health care. Programs are organized in both the U.S. and Mexico. Volunteers must be at least 21 years old; single or married without dependents; commit to one year in the U.S. or two to three years in Mexico; and if volunteering in Mexico, be Catholic. Volunteers pay cost of transportation to the orientation site and language school if needed. All other costs are paid by VIM.

Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance

50 F Street NW, Suite 1075

Washington, D.C. 20001

Tel: (202) 383-4961 Fax: (202) 783-7204

Telex: 6974812 VOCA

Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance (VOCA) sends experienced professionals in cooperative development, agriculture, and agribusiness to Third World countries and emerging democracies. VOCA volunteers work in Africa, Asia, the Near East, Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as in Central and Eastern Europe, the Baltics and the former Soviet republics (including Kazakhstan, Russia, Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova, Belarus and Azerbaijan). Volunteers provide short-term technical assistance to cooperatives (rural electrification, credit unions, and agriculture) and to private or governmental agricultural organizations. Projects usually run from one to three months. Volunteers are generally retired corporate executives, university professors, and highly experienced agriculturalists. VOCA pays all expenses and includes spouses on assignments over one month.

Volunteers for Peace, Inc.

43 Tiffany Road

Belmont, VT 05730

Tel: (802) 259-2759 Fax: (802) 259-2922

Volunteers for Peace (VFP) serves as an information and referral center for international opportunities to support community projects. VFP also coordinates workcamps throughout the world. In these two to three week workcamps 20 people from four or more countries join together to work on community development projects in the fields of construction, restoration, the environment, social services, agriculture and archaeology. Volunteers pay an administration fee of \$125 per camp which includes room, board and accident insurance.

Volunteers Workcamp Association of Ghana/VOLU

P.O. Box 1540

Accra, GHANA

Tel: 233-21-663486 Fax: 233-21-665960

VOLU, one of Africa's oldest and largest workcamp agencies, recruits volunteers from Europe, the U.S., and countries around Africa (including Ghana itself) to work on projects such as building schools and roads and planting trees during the summer and winter holidays. No special skills are required. Volunteers are asked to pay \$200 to cover room and board costs, plus their own travel expenses. Camps usually last three weeks, and volunteers may participate in more than one.

Witness for Peace

2201 P Street NW, #109

Washington, D.C. 20037

Tel: (202) 797-1160

Volunteers with Witness for Peace (WFP), a faith-based organization, live in communities throughout Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Southern Mexico, making a one to two-year commitment. Long-term volunteers serve a variety of purposes, including documenting human rights abuses, studying the effects of North American foreign and economic policies on the region, providing socio-political analyses of domestic affairs, facilitating short-term delegations of North Americans, and most importantly, standing with the people in the spirit of international awareness and the ethos of nonviolence as a means for positive social change. Volunteers must be U.S. citizens, 21 years of age or older, and fluent in Spanish. Volunteers pay round-trip airfare costs, language school (if necessary), and attempt to raise \$1,000 for WFP to help cover living expenses. WFP provides training, room and board, medical, and a \$70 per month stipend.

WorldTeach, Inc.

Harvard Institute for International Development
One Eliot Street
Cambridge, MA 02138-4705
Tel: (617) 495-5527 Fax: (617) 495-1239

WorldTeach, Inc., a non-profit organization based at Harvard University, sends volunteers as teachers to developing countries that have requested assistance. WorldTeach currently works in Costa Rica, Ecuador, Namibia, Russia, Poland, Thailand, China, and South Africa. Volunteers teach at elementary schools, high schools, teaching colleges, technical institutes, and universities. Volunteers pay a fee that covers the cost of airfare, health insurance, training, placement, field support, and administration (\$3,300 to \$4,350). The host school, community, or government provides either room and board or housing and a modest living allowance (anywhere from \$50 to \$300/month).

Programs in Costa Rica, Ecuador, Namibia, Russia, Poland, and Thailand last for one year and require a bachelor's degree. The Shanghai Summer Teaching Program (SSTP), in China, lasts for eight weeks and is open to undergraduates. SSTP volunteers combine teaching English to Chinese high school students with studying Chinese. In South Africa, volunteers with the Score program coach sports at black elementary schools near Cape Town for one semester, offering children their only opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities. Score is open to undergraduates and graduates.

There is no language requirement for any WorldTeach program. Prior teaching experience is useful but not required. WorldTeach has a small financial aid fund and offers fundraising advice for prospective volunteers.

U.S. Voluntary Service Organizations

Working overseas is not the only way to gain community development experience. In many areas of the U.S. people face conditions of poverty similar to those found in the Third World. Voluntary service in the U.S. can offer a low-cost opportunity for building solid credentials towards a career in community development.

ACORN

117 W. Harrison #200
Chicago, IL 60605
Tel: (312) 939-7488

ACORN (Association of Community Organization for Reform Now) is a neighborhood based, multi-racial membership organization of low-income families working to gain power on issues of housing, school reform, redlining, lead poisoning, etc. Volunteers work as grassroots organizers in one of more than 30 cities throughout the U.S.; receive a salary; and must commit to one year or more of service. A working knowledge of Spanish is useful, but not required. Training is provided.

Bike-Aid

Overseas Development Network (ODN)

333 Valencia Street, Suite 330

San Francisco, CA 94103

Tel: (415) 431-4480 Fax: (415) 431-5953

Bike-Aid is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to raising funds for and awareness about global grassroots problems of poverty and social injustice. Each summer since 1986, six Bike-Aid teams of 20 cyclists set off from Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Montreal and Brownsville, TX and bike across the United States. All routes converge for a finale and organizing day in Washington, D.C. Along the way, cyclists meet with community activists in homeless shelters, farmers' cooperatives, environmental action groups and Native American communities. Bike-Aid participants learn and share knowledge about community issues around the world. Interested individuals can participate as cyclists, community hosts or as office volunteers.

Bikes Not Bombs

(See listing under International Voluntary Service Organizations.)

Brethren Volunteer Services

(See listing under International Voluntary Service Organizations.)

Center for Third World Organizing

1218 East 21st Street

Oakland, CA 94606

Tel: (510) 533-7583

Center for Third World Organizing (CTWO) is a research and training center working on issues affecting Third World communities in the U.S. The summer apprenticeship program for minority activists provides training and field experience for young people of color who are involved in work for social change. Each summer this eight week program trains 40 people, primarily people ages 18-30, in the techniques of commu-

nity organizing. Volunteers for this program receive housing and a stipend. Other internships are sometimes available, including research and writing for the Center newsletter.

Citizen Action

1120 19th Street, NW, #630
Washington, D.C. 20036
Tel: (202) 775-1580

Citizen Action is a national membership organization of people working for social change. There are over 32 state affiliate offices throughout the country. Volunteers work as field organizers and fundraisers around issues such as health care, the environment, energy, and insurance reform. Excellent verbal communication and good interpersonal skills, as well as a commitment to progressive issues are required. Placements vary from six months to a year. Stipends are negotiable.

Committee for Health Rights in Central America

347 Dolores Street, #210
San Francisco, CA 94110
Tel: (415) 431-7760

Committee for Health Rights in Central America (CHERICA) has an active organization in the San Francisco Bay Area comprised of committees in the specialty areas of rehabilitation, mental health, and public health education. The committees have ongoing relationships with counterparts in Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Guatemala. Spanish-speaking mental health professionals are needed to staff the Centro Ignacio Martin-Baro in Berkeley, California, a volunteer mental health clinic primarily for Central American refugees.

East Coast Migrant Health Project

1234 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, #623

Washington, D.C. 20005

Tel: (202) 347-7377 Fax: (202) 347-6385

The East Coast Migrant Health Project (ECMHP) directs its energies toward the empowerment of migratory and seasonal farmworkers and their families through the provisions of health care, outreach services, preventative health education, and group networking. ECMHP places volunteers with health providers along the U.S. East Coast to ensure that services are available and accessible to migrant/seasonal farmworkers.

Volunteers are health professionals of all levels, as well as social workers and others interested in providing outreach services. There is a particular need for nurse practitioners, community and public health nurses, licensed practical nurses, and other professionals with specialty certificates. The project also recruits people in allied health fields, such as medical social workers, nutritionists, health educators, psychologists, and physical assistants. Geographic mobility and possession of a car with adequate insurance is a must. Volunteers receive a subsistence stipend. The minimum length of commitment is three to six months. Language skills in Spanish, Creole, or Kònjòbal are helpful.

Fourth World Movement

(See listing under International Voluntary Service Organizations.)

Habitat for Humanity International

(See listing under International Voluntary Service Organizations.)

Helper Project International

(See listing under International Voluntary Service Organizations.)

Jesuit Volunteer Corps

P.O. Box 23404
Oakland, CA 94623
Tel: (510) 653-8564

Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC) places volunteers throughout the U.S. for one year to work with poor and marginalized people. They serve as teachers, nurses, counselors, social workers, and administrative assistants. Projects are defined by local need. Volunteers live modestly in a cooperative household with other JVC volunteers. The host organization provides room and board, travel expenses at year's end, and a \$75 monthly stipend. Volunteers are usually at least 21 years old, have a college degree, and are motivated by Christian principles.

Los Niños

9765 Marconi Drive, #105
San Ysidro, CA 92173
Tel: (619) 661-6912 Fax: (619) 661-6912

Los Niños provides short and long-term community development programs along the U.S./Mexico border. Short-term programs consist of weekend, week and summer long periods. They are offered to U.S. participants who want to learn more about grassroots development issues, U.S./Mexico border relations, and socioeconomic aspects of Mexican border cities. Los Niños has limited positions available for project assistants who work on long-term nutrition and agriculture programs. Project assistant applicants must be fluent in Spanish and have had previous experience with nutrition or agriculture education.

Lutheran Volunteer Corps

1226 Vermont Avenue, NW

Washington, D.C. 20005

Tel: (202) 387-3222

The Lutheran Volunteer Corps provides needed staffing to nonprofits working in the following areas: direct service, public policy, advocacy, community organizing, health care and education. Tenets of the program are social justice, community, and simplicity. Placements are in Baltimore, MD; Wilmington, DE; Washington, D.C.; Chicago, IL; Milwaukee, WI; and Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN. Volunteers live communally in groups of four to eight. Travel, room and board, medical coverage, and daily work-related transportation expenses are covered. The program is open to people of all faith perspectives.

Marianist Voluntary Service Community

P.O. Box 9224

Wright Brothers Branch

Dayton, OH 45409

Tel: (513) 229-4630 or (513) 229-3287

Volunteers are placed for one year in urban areas in Kentucky, New York, and Ohio. Placements include social work and community organizing, educational opportunities, health care, and housing rehabilitation. Volunteers must be at least 21 years old, single or married without dependents, possess skills appropriate to placement, and be able to pay transportation expenses to and from the city. The organization provides a stipend.

Mennonite Central Committee

(See listing under International Voluntary Service Organizations.)

Mennonite Voluntary Service

722 Main Street

P.O. Box 347

Newton, KS 67114-0347

Tel: (316) 283-5100

Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) helps meet the needs of poor and disadvantaged people in the U.S. and Canada. Volunteer placements range from staffing food banks and emergency assistance centers to working with migrant farm-workers. Social work, community organization, housing rehabilitation, and education skills are in particular demand. Initial terms of two years are strongly encouraged, though some assignments are available for one year. Spanish is helpful or required for some positions. Volunteers must be Christian and at least 18 years old. All expenses are covered by MVS.

Mission Volunteers/USA

(See listing under International Voluntary Service Organizations.)

Passionist Lay Missioners

5700 North Harlem Avenue

Chicago, IL 60631

Tel: (312) 631-6336 or (312) 631-8095

Passionist Lay Missioners seek to address immediate and systemic problems of poverty by working with economically disadvantaged and disenfranchised people in Chicago, Detroit, and Cincinnati. Positions begin in August and last for one year with the option to renew. Job possibilities include, but are not limited to: social workers, youth workers, advocates for the homeless, teachers and teachers' aides, emergency intervention workers, community organizers, peace and justice advocates, prisoners' rights advocates, child care workers, skilled and semi-skilled tradespeople, counselors, domestic violence workers, clerical workers, care for the elderly, and legal aides. Volunteers live in a commu-

nal setting, usually in a low-income, inner-city neighborhood. They live a simple lifestyle and explore connections between work, community, faith and social justice. Volunteers pay for their own transportation to orientation in August. Room and board, health insurance, a monthly stipend of \$100 and transportation during the year are provided. Applicants must be at least 21 years or older, have some college education or practical work experience and be willing to engage in spiritual reflection.

Peace Brigades International North America Project

Box 381233

Cambridge, MA 02238

Tel: (617) 491-4226

Peace Brigades International (PBI) has recently formed a North America Project (NAP) based on the model of work done by PBI in Central America and Sri Lanka. This is to help bring about a just resolution of conflict without resort to violence. The initial focus of NAP is situations involving the struggle for justice by Native Americans, but the project is not necessarily limited to those situations.

PBI forms international teams of volunteers who will seek the most appropriate ways to support nonviolent struggle for justice in each situation. Some ways might include training for local people doing human rights watches, observing, accompanying people who might be threatened for their social activism, peace education, and developing a network of people who will respond with letters, faxes, and phone calls to appropriate authorities in cases of urgency. NAP volunteers may also be formed into on-call "Ready Response Brigades," that will be ready to respond in a crisis situation on short notice. Potential volunteers must speak English or, if in Quebec, French, be at least 25 years old, and attend a one- to two-week PBI training.

(See listing under International Voluntary Service Organizations.)

Plenty USA

(See listing under International Voluntary Service Organizations.)

Proyecto Libertad

113 North 1st Street
Harlingen, TX 78550

Tel: (210) 425-9552 Fax: (210) 425-8249

Proyecto Libertad (PL) is a legal office on the Texas/Mexico border representing immigrants and refugees from all over the world, the majority of which are Central Americans. PL provides legal services, help in applying for political asylum, and advocacy for Central Americans (including minors) in detention. They also raise bond money for them and contact relatives. PL also participates in federal litigation to protect refugee rights. Volunteers work on all aspects of the program. Volunteers must speak Spanish and be sensitive to multicultural differences. A car is extremely useful. Volunteers cover their own expenses, but some assistance may be available.

Service Civil International

(See listing under International Voluntary Service Organizations.)

Sioux Indian YMCAs

P.O. Box 218

Dupree, SD 57623

Tel: (605) 365-5232

Volunteers of college age or older serve for two months during the summer as camp staff at Leslie Marrowbone Memorial YMCA Camp, working with eight to 14 year-old Sioux children. Also needed are community work volunteers to live in small, isolated Sioux communities to support various youth and family projects. These placements are from eight to 10 weeks, year round. Volunteers must have camp or community work skills, be flexible and able to share their

own cultures, as well as relate to others. The YMCA can help with room and board.

Teach For America

1221 Avenue of the Americas, 33rd floor
New York, NY 10020

Mailing address:

P.O. Box 5114

New York, NY 10185

Tel: (800) 832-1230 or

(212) 789-9302 Fax: (212) 789-9289

Teach For America is a national teacher corps of talented, dedicated individuals who commit a minimum of two years to teach in under-resourced urban and rural public schools. Teach For America recruits candidates nationally, selects corps members through an intensive application process, groups them in placement sites across the country, supports them through local offices, and provides for their pre-service and ongoing professional development. Corps members are united by the belief that all children deserve an equal opportunity to a quality education. Volunteers pay a \$10 application fee which, in some cases, can be waived.

United Farm Workers

Human Resource Department

P.O. Box 62, La Paz

Keene, CA 93531

Tel: (805) 822-5571

United Farm Workers (UFW) works for justice for farm workers and safe food for consumers. Volunteers spend one year or more in rural or urban areas, organizing farm workers and consumers. Opportunities are also available in law, business, and administrative capacities. Volunteers receive room and board and a small stipend.

Ursuline Companions in Mission

College of New Rochelle
New Rochelle, NY 10805
Tel: (914) 654-5270

Christian volunteers are placed in inner-city and rural service sites in the U.S. to provide education, social service, pastoral ministry, youth ministry, child care, poverty relief services, and ministry to the elderly. Volunteers must be 21 years or older and possess skills compatible with needs of specific ministries. Costs for short-term (less than six months) volunteers are transportation expenses and medical insurance. All costs for long-term volunteers are paid by the program.

Volunteers in Mission

(See listing under International Voluntary Service Organizations.)

Witness for Peace

(See listing under International Voluntary Service Organizations.)

Alternative Travel & Study Overseas

A number of groups conduct "reality tours" in the Third World and the U.S. These are socially responsible educational tours that provide participants with firsthand experience of the political, economic, and social structures that create or sustain hunger, poverty, and environmental degradation. Tour participants meet with people from diverse sectors with various perspectives on issues of agriculture, development and the environment. They often stay with local people, visit rural areas, and meet with grassroots organizers. The experience and insights gained on such a tour may influence participants' future work for democratic social change. Many universities offer study-abroad programs. This section mentions just a few of these.

African American Studies Program

19 South La Salle Street, #301

Chicago, IL 60603

Tel: (312) 443-0929

The African American Studies Program offers a variety of study tours throughout Africa. Past tour themes have included economic and political development of states and the role of women in the family. Tours are led by experts in African studies.

Bicycle Africa

International Bicycle Fund
4887 Columbia Drive South
Seattle, WA 98108-1919
Tel: (206) 628-9314

The International Bicycle Fund promotes bicycle transportation, economic development, international understanding, and safety education. They arrange two- to four- week cultural and educational bicycle tours in Cameroon, Kenya, Tunisia, West Africa, and Zimbabwe. Specialists accompany groups to areas seldom visited by Westerners. Cycling is moderate and participants do not need to have extensive touring experience. The costs range from \$900 to \$1,290, not including air fare.

Center for Global Education

Augsburg College
731 21st Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55454
Tel: (612) 330-1159

The Center for Global Education, nationally recognized for its 10-year experience in alternative travel, regularly coordinates seven- to 21- day travel seminars to Mexico, Central America, Southern Africa, the Middle East, and the Asia/Pacific region. These reality tours are designed to introduce participants to important social and political issues in the Third World, and bring North Americans face-to-face with individuals and communities struggling for freedom, justice and human dignity. In addition to hosting its own trips, the Center plans travel seminars for other church, community and professional organizations. The Center also coordinates seven different undergraduate programs in Mexico, Central America, Southern Africa, and Europe.

Center for Responsible Tourism

Box 827

San Anselmo, CA 94979

Tel: (415) 258-6594 Fax: (415) 454-2493

The Center for Responsible Tourism is a nonprofit organization dedicated to justice in tourism. It coordinates a network of North American groups that share its values. The Center maintains a library, publishes a newsletter, hosts conferences and offers the services of a speakers' bureau in order to work towards changing North American travelers' attitudes to be compatible with a sustainable global society.

Earthwatch/EarthCorps

680 Mount Auburn Street

P.O. Box 403 N

Watertown, MA 02272-9924

Tel: (617) 926-8200 or (800) 776-0188

Earthwatch sponsors scholarly field research using volunteers to help scientists on research expeditions around the world. Among these EarthCorps expeditions is a project that examines sustainable living and resource use in Kenya. Kenya's heavy reliance on wood for fuel has led to deforestation and erosion, among other problems. This ongoing program studies the potential of solar ovens and windmills to meet the energy needs of Kenyans. Volunteers usually join the project for 12 days and pay their own airfare in addition to the \$1,695 participation fee.

Escuela de Español Juan Sisay

United States Office
3465 Cedar Valley Court
Smyrna, GA 30080
Tel: (404) 436-6283

or

Oficina Y Escuela Guatemala
15 Avenida 8-38, Zona 1
Apartado Postal 392
Quetzaltenango, GUATEMALA

Escuela de Español Juan Sisay is a nonprofit collective of teachers located in and near Quetzaltenango. The goal of the school is to provide five hours per day of individualized instruction that matches the level of Spanish language comprehension of each student. In addition to instruction in Spanish, students are encouraged to participate in the social life of the community and projects such as the construction of water purification systems, road building, and reforestation. The school arranges for students to live with a Guatemalan family. The cost is \$100 per week except between June and August when the cost is \$125 per week.

Global Exchange

2017 Mission Street, Suite 303
San Francisco, CA 94110
Tel: (415) 255-7296

Global Exchange organizes Reality Tours offering a unique opportunity to learn firsthand about pressing issues confronting the Third World. Tour participants meet with peasant and labor organizers, religious leaders, peace activists, environmentalists, scholars, and government officials. Trips are to West Africa, Central America, Cuba, Haiti, India, Mexico and U.S. destinations such as Native American reservations and alternative looks at Washington, D.C. Costs range from \$1200 to \$3200. Global Exchange offers Spanish and Portuguese programs in Mexico and opportunities for volunteer work in Mexico and Honduras.

Global Volunteers

375 E. Little Canada Road

St. Paul, MN 55117

Tel: (800) 487-1074 Fax: (612) 482-0915

Global Volunteers forms teams of eight to 12 volunteers who live in rural communities and work with residents on development projects selected by the host communities. The projects may involve construction and renovation of schools, community centers and clinics, health care, potable water systems, teaching English, reforestation, or assisting other local activities. Opportunities are available in Guatemala, Mexico, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Indonesia, Tanzania, Poland, and the U.S. Volunteers are of all ages and come from all backgrounds and occupations. No special skills or languages are required. Tax deductible expenses range from \$300 to \$1,900 and include costs of training, visas, ground transportation, hotels, lodging, and food. Air fare is extra. Placements are from one week to 23 days.

Institute for Central American Development Studies

Dept. 826, P.O. Box 025216

Miami, FL 33102-5216 U.S.A

or

Apartado 3 (2070), Sabanilla

San Jose, COSTA RICA

Tel: (506) 25-05-08 Fax: (506) 34-13-37

The Institute for Central American Development Studies (ICADS) was created to fill the gap in foreign policy between North and Central American citizens and their governments. ICADS is a center for study, research and analysis of Central American social and environmental issues. Two study and internship programs are offered. The first is a semester-long study-abroad program for graduates, undergraduates and professionals in Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Belize. This program, which grants academic credit, offers course work and field internships in agriculture, environmental studies, public health, women's studies, journalism, and other social justice

areas. Their second program is a month-long intensive Spanish-language course in Costa Rica which is combined with lectures, activities and field trips emphasizing social justice issues in Central America.

Los Niños

(See listing under U.S. Voluntary Service Organizations.)

Marazul Tours, Inc.

250 W. 57th Street, Suite 1311

New York, NY 10107

Tel: (212) 582-9570 or (800) 223-5334 outside of NY

Marazul Tours is a well-known coordinator of alternative tours to Central America. Many of the organizations in this guide enlist Marazul's expertise in planning trips to Cuba (travel to Cuba is subject to U.S. travel restrictions), El Salvador, Guatemala, and Nicaragua. Marazul is a progressive full-service travel agency and contributes one percent of the price of your airline ticket to many socially responsible groups through its "Fly With Your Commitment" program.

Middle East Children's Alliance

2140 Shattuck Avenue, #207

Berkeley, CA 94704

Tel: (510) 548-0542 Fax: (510) 548-0543

The Middle East Children's Alliance raises funds for humanitarian aid (medical supplies, school books, food and clothing) for children in Iraq, Lebanon and the West Bank in Gaza. They sponsor short-term peace delegations several times a year to Palestine and Israel. Delegates meet with Israeli peace activists and visit Palestinian production cooperatives, refugee camps, health clinics, and kindergartens in the West Bank and Gaza. The cost is travel plus \$1000. The Middle East Children's Alliance supports a two-state solution for the region.

Mobility International U.S.A.

P.O. Box 3551

Eugene, OR 97403

Tel: (503) 343-1284

Mobility International U.S.A.'s (MIUSA) international exchange programs share information about disability issues with people from other cultures. This type of exchange improves the rights of all disabled persons and increases cross-cultural understanding and friendship. MIUSA has had programs with Great Britain, Germany, China, Costa Rica, Bulgaria, Italy, the former Soviet Union, and Mexico. Costs range from \$750 to \$1500, depending on the program. Agendas include meeting with disabled persons and visiting programs that focus on persons with disabilities to exchange information and discuss disability rights-related issues. Many programs also include community service projects, a variety of educational workshops, and recreational and cultural activities. Both disabled and non-disabled persons are encouraged to participate.

In the U.S., MIUSA sponsors International Leadership Programs in Eugene, Oregon, involving disabled and non-disabled participants from Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe, and the U.S. MIUSA also sponsors international workcamps that bring together disabled and non-disabled persons from around the world to work on a community service project for two to four weeks.

ORAP - SIT

Higher Education Certificate Program in Grassroots
Development and NGO Management

School for International Training

Admissions, World Issues Program

P.O. Box 676

• Brattleboro, VT 05302-0676 USA

Tel: (800) 451-4465 or (802) 257-7751

The Organization of Rural Associations for Progress
(ORAP) in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe and the School for

International Training (SIT) in Vermont combine their resources to educate development workers and leaders from both Africa and the U.S. This certificate program, based in Zimbabwe, is open to middle-level staff of African non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and to highly prepared undergraduate students and recent graduates from SIT and other U.S. colleges and universities. The program consists of six terms which alternate between periods of full group instruction (at the ORAP complex in Bulawayo) and periods when students carry out small group and individualized assignments in the villages where ORAP and other participating NGOs are working.

Our Developing World

13004 Paso Presada
Saratoga, CA 95070
Tel: (408) 379-4431

Our Developing World's (ODW) main focus is working with U.S. teachers to create curriculums about Third World countries and cultures. Twice a year ODW leads study tours with a focus on people and development. Past destinations have included Cuba, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Honduras, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, South Africa, the Philippines, and Hawaii. The tours provide an opportunity to talk with peasants, workers, women's associations, health workers, and co-op members, as well as a chance to learn about health, human rights and educational campaigns, agrarian reform, and economic and social planning.

Plowshares Institute

P.O. Box 243
Simsbury, CT 06070
Tel: (203) 651-4304 Fax: (203) 651-4305

The Plowshares Institutes's travel seminars initiate cross-cultural dialogue between First and Third World peoples. Participants commit to both advance preparation and community education work upon their return. Trip itineraries include meetings with religious and civic leaders, home-stay

experiences, and visits to development projects. The Institute plans two- to three-s week programs to Africa, Eastern and Central Europe, India and Latin America.

Servas

11 John Street, #407
New York, NY 10038
Tel: (212) 267-0252

Servas is an international cooperative system of hosts and travelers established to help build world peace by providing opportunities for personal contact among people of diverse cultures and backgrounds. Travelers are invited to share life in the home and community and their concerns about social and international problems. Membership application for travelers consists of: an interview, two character references, and a \$55 membership fee per adult. Prospective hosts must also be interviewed and fill out an application. To receive an application, send a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Third World Opportunities Program

1363 Sommermont Drive
El Cajon, CA 92021
Tel: (619) 449-9381

Third World Opportunities(TWO) is a hunger and poverty awareness program designed to provide opportunities for appropriate responses to human need. It seeks to encourage sensitivity to life in the Third World; intentional reflection on our relationship with Third World people; effective work projects that offer practical services to the hungry, the homeless and the poor; and organized efforts to change existing conditions. TWO offers a two-pronged program consisting of an awareness tour along the US/Mexico border followed by a short-term work project such as a six-day house building project.

Travel-Links

14 Arrow Street/Harvard Square

Cambridge, MA 02138

Tel: (800) 648-2667 or in MA (617) 497-8163

Travel-Links is a full-service travel agency that emphasizes responsible tourism. They seek to promote understanding and cooperation among people through non-exploitive travel.

U.S.-Indochina Reconciliation Project

220 West 42d Street, #1801

New York, NY 10036

Tel: (212) 764-3925 Fax: (212) 764-3896

Telex: 6503102691 MCI UW

U.S.-Indochina Reconciliation Project (USIRP) promotes reconciliation between the U.S., Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. USIRP leads delegations of academics, students, and professionals of various backgrounds and assists others who wish to organize their own groups.

Venceremos Brigade

P.O. Box 673

New York, NY 10035

Tel: (212) 228-6000, ext. 503

Venceremos Brigade participants travel for up to two weeks in Cuba, visiting schools, factories, clinics, and hospitals; having informal visits and discussions with Cubans; and participating in educational seminars with representatives from other countries. Each participant must be at least 18 years old, have a valid U.S. passport, be a U.S. citizen, or a resident with appropriate immigration documents. Participants attend a required series of preparatory sessions and, upon return, commit to work in some aspect of Brigade education projects such as lobbying and organizing in opposition to U.S. travel ban and blockade against Cuba. Participants must pay all trans-

portation and miscellaneous expenses. Brigade committees are located throughout the U.S.

Voices on the Border Educational Delegations

P.O. Box 53081, Temple Heights Station

Washington, D.C. 20009

Tel: (202) 332-1421

Voices on the Border promotes contact between communities-in-development in El Salvador and interested individuals in the U.S. Focusing primarily in the eastern region, they organize educational delegations to El Salvador which highlight different aspects of community-based development and peacemaking. Foci include the women's movement, alternative models for the future, and regional integral development. Delegations generally last nine days. Total cost including airfare is approximately \$1,200.

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Other Organizations

AMIDEAST, 1100 17th Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20036; (202) 785-0022.

Publications on higher education in the Middle East and opportunities for U.S. students.

Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE), 205 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017; (212) 661-1414, ext. 1108.

Publishes information on independent study, volunteer opportunities, educational opportunities abroad, and inexpensive travel abroad.

Cultural Survival, 215 First Street, Cambridge, MA 02142; (617) 621-3818, Fax: (617) 621-3814.

An international human rights/economic development organization which assists indigenous peoples and ethnic minorities in securing economic and social justice.

Grassroots International, 48 Grove Street #103, Somerville, MA 02144; (617) 628-4737, Fax: (617) 628-4737.

Provides grants and material support to sustainable development projects in the Third World.

Institute of International Education, 809 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017-3580.

InterAction, American Council for Voluntary International Action, 1717 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 801, Washington, D.C., 20036; (202) 667-8227.

Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP), 611 Broadway, Room 616, New York, NY 10012; (212) 260-8144.

Focuses on the potential of non-motorized transportation and alleviating poverty. Aimed at changing policies of international lending agencies. The Institute assists with the technical aspects of incorporating non-motorized transportation into development projects.

International Development Exchange (IDEX), 827 Valencia Street, Suite 101, San Francisco, CA 94110.

Supports community-based development efforts in the Third World and engages U.S. citizens in educational partnerships with these communities. Some internships are available in their San Francisco office.

The Middle East Cultural and Information Center,
P.O. Box 3481, San Diego, CA 92163; (619) 293-0167.

Mujer a Mujer/Woman to Woman, Apdo. 24-553,
Col. Roma, 06701 Mexico City, Mexico.

A collective of Mexican, U.S., Canadian and Caribbean women based in Mexico promoting communication, exchange, and strategic networking among activist women throughout the region. They publish a newsletter, *Correspondia* in both English and Spanish.

Ovum Pacis, The Women's International Peace University,
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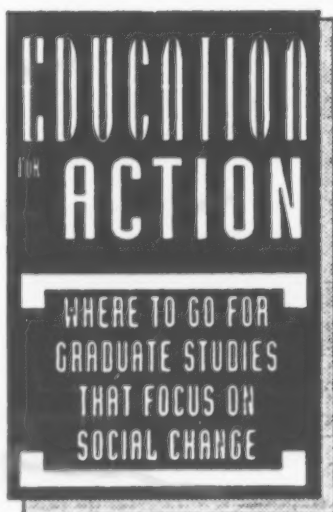
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